

Good Morning,

Firstly, I hope that you, your colleagues and pupils are managing to keep well. I recognise that you are handling a multitude of issues related to schools, services for key worker's children, cancellation of the examinations etc.

I wanted to get in touch to provide reassurance that during these concerning times, Skills Development Scotland's absolute priority remains supporting individuals, employers, partners and colleagues through the effects of the pandemic.

- SDS is **continuing to provide career, information, advice and guidance for all** young people. Our school careers advisers are endeavouring to maintain contact with pupils and we are looking at how we can further develop on-line services to support them.
- We are already working with the SQA and other awarding bodies in relation to **Foundation Apprenticeships**. This work will support their guidance for individuals and learning providers to ensure that the effects of disruption are minimised and that wherever possible, apprentices and learners are not negatively impacted in the longer term.

We will seek to keep all our partners updated on these developments moving forward.

In the short term, we would ask for your support in the following ways if you can offer it:

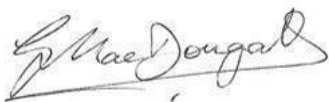
- To let colleagues, pupils and their parents and carers know that they will be able to continue to contact their Careers Adviser for support. This will be done via telephone, Skype or online. To speak to a Careers Adviser they will be asked to call their local centre on 01241 433000. Details of all our centres can be found on [My World of Work](#). Calls are being automatically re-routed to advisers (all of whom are home-working). Messaging can be provided for your comms channels if needed. **Please be reassured that SDS Careers Advisers will continue to proactively contact pupils to offer them ongoing support.**
- Where possible we would welcome support to allow our Careers Advisers to access GLOW. This would allow us to further support teaching colleagues, pupils and their families with ongoing activity and how to access support. Please feel free to call me to discuss this further.
- To continue to share social media posts from SDS social channels to inform teachers, pupils, parents and carers of our ongoing support.

We understand this is a fast-moving situation and we are keen to support you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me (Gordon.macdougall@sds.co.uk – 07771 943650) or Jill Hunter (Jill.hunter@sds.co.uk – 07801 240944) if you would like to discuss the above information or any other related matter today, or in the days and weeks to come.

Kind regards

Please note, I have sent this email communication direct to your Headteachers aswell.

Kind regards,



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